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Technology Center 3711  
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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:<sup>1</sup>

**[0009]** Figure 1 is a side view ~~fragmentary view~~ of a golf club with a ring positioned on the grip of the club shaft in accordance with a preferred embodiment of this invention.

Please add the following new paragraph [0011.1] after paragraph [0011]:

**[0011.1]** Figures 4 and 5 are two views showing a hand grasping the grip of the golf club of Figure 1.

Please replace paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0013]** In order to place the ring 20 on the club 10, the ring 20 is formed to have a slot 28 with a width sufficient to allow the shaft 18 of the club 10 to pass therethrough. The slot 28 is preferably closable

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<sup>1</sup> All references to pages and paragraphs in Applicant's electronically-filed application are those inserted by the USPTO authoring software.

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with a suitable closure 30, represented in phantom in Figure 2.

~~Figures 2 and 3.~~ The closure 30 can be held in a closed position by a variety of fastener devices, such as a hinge, slide, spring, etc.

Alternatively, the closure 30 can be omitted so that slot 28 remains open, resulting in the ring 20 having a C-shaped configuration. The ring 20 is shown as having a particular shape in the Figures, though other shapes are possible. As such, the term "ring" is defined herein as a body shaped to have an inner perimeter, and does not limit the ring 20 to have a rounded cross-sectional shape.